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Chemi New Editor Of 'American Philatelist'

James M. "Jim" Chemi of Phoenix, Ariz. who has been conducting the "What's Going On in APS" column in "The American Philatelist" since the February 1958 issue, has been appointed as its editor, succeeding David Lidman of New York.



Mr. Chemi is a veteran newspaperman and has authored numerous philatelic articles for many years. He started newspapering with the Philadelphia (Pa.) Inquirer, then served four years with the U. S. Army in World War II.

Following the war's end, he accepted a sports writing assignment with the "Kansas City Star", remaining with that newspaper eleven years. In 1957 he joined the staff of the "Phoenix Gazette" as sports make-up editor.

The new editor has been a stamp collector for more than 30 years, specializing in British and French colonies, plus an active interest in several topical fields and cover collecting. He is a member of the Phoenix Philatelic Assn. and the Mid-west Philatelic Society of Kansas City, and president of the Arizona Society of Topical Philatelists. He and his wife Anne reside at 5932 N. 14th Pl., Phoenix, Ariz.



A HAPPY HASSEL OVER PRIZES greeted Mrs. Bernice R. Breslow, secretary-treasurer of the Assn. of Bergen County Philatelists, Inc., at the close of the group's June 15-18 show at Garden State Plaza, Paramus, N. J. Here she is awarding the APS silver server for best exhibit by an APS member to Lt. Col. Leonard H. Smith, Jr. (left) of the Pascack Stamp Club for his Australian stamps. They also brought him the silver cup for first in British Colonies. An identical trophy went to Henry C. Peschken (center) of Rochelle Park, N. J. for best in topicals. Best in Show was taken by the Danish West Indies of Niels Zierau, Teaneck, N. J.

Vet Collector Eyes Three-Shift Philatelic Output; Recommends "Sweep Own Door First" Policy

M. S. Brainard

I guess I inherited the gift of gab, seems like, and finding listeners walking away from my vicinity, went to writing. The gab I like is such as brings disputations where the listener or reader can hear or read what the other guy comes up with.

As long as we readers of Linn's have, in theory, gathered around a huge, international table, we have listened to a lot of helpful—and otherwise—stuff about our hobby. I figure now it's time to put in my two-bits worth, perhaps just as another old fogey, but still one who might lay claim for a bit of seniority consideration.

I submit that no other collecting medium offers a more diversified field than philately. Each of these diversificants can become quite in-

tense in his chosen alley; also, if he doesn't watch out, he can become pestiferous.

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Communist Rulers Found U.S. Commem Pair "Objectionable"; Mail So Franked Now Rejected

It has now been established that rumors of mail delays between persons living in the United States and correspondents in communist controlled Czechoslovakia have been founded on fact. A recently issued statement by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield sets forth both the details of the circumstances and the fruitless efforts made by his Department to obtain an official explanation from the Czech authorities.

It has been known for some time, as pointed out by Linn's correspondent Joachim Dill in recent columns, that various communist dominated countries have delayed or rejected mail franked with the World Refugee Year issues.

It will also be recalled that Japan, during World War II, refused to accept mail for American prisoners of war when it was franked with the Two Jima adhesive.

The same treatment has now been handed out by the communists to mail bearing the 4c an 8c Thomas G. Masaryk "Champions of Liberty" stamps issued March 7. The situation is well described by the PMG in a recent statement "deplored" the action taken by the red dominated Czech POD.

"That special set of stamps was issued as a tribute to a great Czech and world figure," he said, "and many American citizens of Czechoslovakian birth or ancestry have been proud to use either or both values on mail addressed to their friends and relatives 'back home'.

"To our amazement we were soon informed that mail bearing the Masaryk issue was being delivered in Czechoslovakia with the Masaryk stamps removed and envelopes marked 'received without stamps'. Mr. Summerfield explained. "We protested this practice but received no reply from the Czech postal authorities. Later they began returning such mail marked 'not admitted'."

The PMG added that the procedure being followed by Czechoslovakia is used when international mail is received which is objectionable to the country of destination.

The Universal Postal Convention, to which the United States and Czechoslovakia are signatories, prescribes that each member country

of the Union has the right to determine what articles shall be prohibited in its service, and there is no effective way in which another country can take exception to such determination.

However, when a nation establishes a prohibition, it normally notifies the other country or countries from which the objectionable matter is being sent. The Czech postal authorities failed to follow this universally-accepted obligation. Further, they have not answered written and cabled requests for an explanation of their action, Mr. Summerfield emphasized.

"It is clear that we have made substantial efforts to get satisfaction from the Czech postal authorities," he said, adding that, "While they are technically within their legal rights in determining what mail may enter their territory, it is deplorable that they should do so in this fashion without giving suitable notice of their intentions, and doubly so that they have thus far ignored our efforts to obtain a statement of their position in the matter."

Lower Bucks Picnic On July 16, Rain Or Shine

The Lower Bucks Stamp Club will hold its usual meeting July 14 at the home of president Francis Grieser, 4616 Grandview Ave., Belmont Hills, Langhorne, Pa. Two days later, July 16, he will host the group's annual picnic, also at his home.

Additional details about the regular meetings as well as the picnic—it will be held rain or shine, according to the club's secretary Mrs. Virginia Brautlech—can be obtained from Mr. Grieser at the above address.

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BUREAU REPORT FOR MAY 1960

Plates 26639, 26640, 26647, and 26648 for the 4c 50-Star Flag stamp which was first placed on sale in Honolulu, Hawaii July 4, were sent to press during May, according to Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield. Also sent to press that month were Nos. 26632 and 26638 for the 4c SEATO commemorative issued May 31, and plates 26643 to 26646 for the 4c American Woman commemorative released June 2.

Regular postage stamp plates sent to press also during May included Nos. 26619 and 26620 for the 1 1/4c "Palace of the Governors" stamp in sheet form, and plates 26621 and 26622 for the same denomination in coil form.

Assigned plates during May included Nos. 26662, 26665, 26666, and 26669 for the 4c Boys' Clubs of America Movement commemorative, which will be released in New York, N. Y. October 18.

Master plate 26556, for the 4c Patrick Henry "Credo" stamp scheduled for issuance during January of 1961, was canceled on May 2. No impressions were taken from this plate. Also canceled that month were six non-postage plates, various 4c Lincoln regular postage issue plates, and a postage due frame plate (No. 2629).

Numbers assigned during May to plates for the printing of postage stamps were:

Liberty 4c regular, 400-subject plates, numbered 26658-59.

Liberty 4c coil, 384-subject plates, numbered 26650-51, 26663-64.

Liberty 4c coil, 432-subject plates, numbered 26654-55.

Liberty 4c booklet, 360-subject plates, numbered 26652-53.

Liberty 1 1/4c coil, 432-subject plates, numbered 26656-57.

Liberty 1 1/4c coil, 384-subject plates, numbered 26670-71.

Boys' Clubs 4c commem, 200-subject plates, numbered 26662, 26665-66,

26669.

Airmail 7c regular (1958), 400-subject plates, numbered 26667-68.

Postage Due (frame, no value) 1959, 400-subject plates, numbered 26660-61.

The following plates were sent to press and printed from for the first time during May:

Liberty 1c regular, 400-subject plates, numbered 26460-61.

Liberty 1 1/4c regular, 400-subject plates, numbered 26619-20.

Liberty 1 1/4c coil, 432-subject plates, numbered 26621-22.

Liberty 4c booklet, 360-subject plates, numbered 26593-94.

Liberty 4c coil, 432-subject plates, numbered 26547-48.

Liberty 10c regular, 400-subject plates, numbered 25938-39.

50-Star Flag 4c commem, 200-subject plates, numbered 26639-40, 26647-48.

SEATO 4c commem, 280-subject plates, numbered 26632, 26638.

American Woman 4c commem, 200-subject plates, numbered 26643-44-45-46.

The following plates were canceled during May; in no instance was the printing under 227,926 impressions (plate No. 2629):

26492-93—Liberty 4c coil.

26520-21—Liberty 4c booklet.

26289—Postage Due 1959 (frame, no value).

Plate No. 26556, master plate for the 4c Patrick Henry "Credo" commemorative, was canceled without ever having been certified or sent to press.

Six plates, No. 21507, 22336, 22416-17-18-19, which had been prepared for use in making specimen material for Post Office Department exhibits, were canceled. Four had never been sent to press and printed from; no impressions from the other two (21507 and 22417) were sent to postmasters or the Philatelic Sales Agency.

**Stamp Activity
On Spanish Front**

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Now that the first half of the year is gone, it is in order to pause a moment and strike a balance against the Spanish Philatelic Council which is in charge of Spain's new postal emissions.

A casual review of the stamps of the past decade is quite interesting; the following list shows the year, number of stamps, total face value, and (in parentheses) the number and face value of the ordinary and airmail stamps included in the other totals.

1950-16; 102.75 Pesetas (one; 20c).

1951-15; 14.90Pts. (three; 50c).

1952-15; 23.85Pts. (none).

1953-9; 78.95Pts. (three; 75.15Pts.).

1954-16; 15.35Pts. (two; 1.10Pts.).

1955-30; 100Pts. (22; 93.45Pts.).

1956-32; 85.30Pts. (13; 67.20Pts.).

1957-3; 1.45Pts. (none).

1958-29; 20.35Pts. (none).

1959-16; 15.70Pts. (none).

1960 (six months)—42; 84Pts. plus 10Pts. surcharge, total 94Pts. (none).

As is readily seen, during the past 42 months only special issues have appeared, and the most recent ordinary and airmail stamps date from 1955-56. In those two years 35 of the 62 items issued were NOT

commemorative. The absence of new regulars and airmails since then, in comparison with the 90 commemorative items, gives a clear indication of the policies of the new Philatelic Council!

Of further concern is the fact that the official authorizing decrees for new issues are appearing with rather less orthodox timing than in the past. Time was when such decrees appeared months in advance of the release of the stamp(s) concerned, but of late the time lapse has become truly a thing of the jet age—for instance, March 26 for the Barcelona Exhibition set scheduled for March 27!

In the past it was customary to allow at least 15 days interval between the publishing of the decree and the first day of sale, and it is on record that there was a lapse of

13-, 50-Star Flags On August 3 Cachet

The Copper City Stamp Club of Rome, N. Y. will sponsor a two-color, printed cachet in connection with the celebration of Fort Stanwix Day, August 3. It will feature the original 13-Star Flag and new 50-star Flag, crossed and rising from a miniature outline of Ft. Stanwix.

It was at Ft. Stanwix on August 3, 1777 that the Flag was first carried against an enemy. Also, Francis Bellamy, author of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, was educated and buried at Rome.

The new 50-Star Flag stamp will be used, and a special slogan cancellation "Fort Stanwix Day / August 3rd / Rome, New York" in three lines.

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In keeping with the Post Office plans and the official rerun, the National Pony Express Centennial Assn. will offer the following:

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2. Official legend imprinted on the 4c envelope and distributed from St. Joseph, Mo. July 19. The design

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Both covers are offered as a pair for \$1. All orders should be addressed to the National Pony Express Centennial Assn., 2998 Connor St., Salt Lake City 9, Utah.

In addition to these regular covers, the rerun of the Pony Express, starting July 19 will carry approximately the weight of mail of the original service, about 20 pounds (500 cover), from both St. Joseph and Sacramento. Further details will be found on page 6.

New Officers Named By Schenectady Stampers

At a recent meeting of the Schenectady Stamp Club, Schenectady, N.Y., the following officers were elected: president, Gerald Bookhop; vice president, James Chryssanthis; secretary, George Juno; assistant secretary, A. P. Severson; and treasurer, Theodore Schmid.

All communications intended for the club should be addressed to Secretary Juno at P. O. Box 1172, Scotia 2, N. Y.

Paxton Scouts Cachet At Linglestown Jubilee

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18 #73 same but with 4th delivery. VF

19 #73 same with 4th delivery. Stamp S.E. at right

20 #73 piece with single lined oval "G station" and 1st. Del. VF

21 #63 and #73 on cover from New Haven, Conn. beautiful

will be similar to No. 1. These covers are 60c.

Both covers are offered as a pair for \$1. All orders should be addressed to the National Pony Express Centennial Assn., 2998 Connor St., Salt Lake City 9, Utah.

In addition to these regular covers, the rerun of the Pony Express, starting July 19 will carry approximately the weight of mail of the original service, about 20 pounds (500 cover), from both St. Joseph and Sacramento. Further details will be found on page 6.

New Officers Named By Schenectady Stampers

At a recent meeting of the Schenectady Stamp Club, Schenectady, N.Y., the following officers were elected: president, Gerald Bookhop; vice president, James Chryssanthis; secretary, George Juno; assistant secretary, A. P. Severson; and treasurer, Theodore Schmid.

All communications intended for the club should be addressed to Secretary Juno at P. O. Box 1172, Scotia 2, N. Y.

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122 #113 post marked J. E. Murdock P.M. Kingswood, W. Va. in scalloped oval.	5.00
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124 #207 Winifred, W. Va.-T. O. O. Davis, PM Nov. 1, 1862 in scalloped oval.	5.00
125 #210 Simpson, PM, N. L. Bartlett, Aug. 31, 1866, West Va. Beauty	5.00
126 #214 Shepardstown, W. Va. tied with five pointed black star, VF	7.50
127 #184 Letart, W. Va. corner card of Pony Rider. Adv. card, VF	5.50
128 #158 to folded letter showing oval "forwarded by DeRham & Co." N.Y. V.F.	4.00
129 #215 North Mountain, W. Va. Big corner card of Merino sheep, VF	4.00
130 #267 Beautiful full face advertising pen points. Musical instruments on back from Extra. W. Va.	4.00
131 #273 - 106 Green full face advertising pen points. Additional ad on back.	4.00
132 #267 Red cover advertising jackasses for sale. No. 1000, W. Va.	4.00
133 #218 R.F.C. Feb. 15, 1908 Lost Creek, W. Va. VF scarce	8.00
134 #310 R.F.D. Harrisville, Jan. 31, 1908 W. Va. VF scarce	8.00
135 #310 R.F.D. Apr. 29, 1904 PM, Philadelphia, W. Va. VF scarce	8.00
136 #226A Brinkerhoff coil type 11A, cover ragged at top, rare.	12.00
137 #226A Schermack coil type 111, VF	2.50
138 #226 Schermack coil type 111, VF	4.50
139 #226 Schermack coil type 111 on window front, cover, VF	8.00
140 #620-621 First day Minneapolis, Minn. VF	11.00
141 #620-621 First day, St. Paul, Minn. VF	11.00

LOT	APPROX. VALUE
126 #328. Imprint and plate of three	4.50
127 #330. Imprint and plate of three	37.50
128 #616. Plate #15752, single, VF	5.00
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130 #620. Two plate singles black and red, VF	7.50
131 #621. Single #15961, VF scarce	6.00
132 #628. Four singles, different plates, VF	6.00
133 #735. Souvenir pane, Superb	6.00
134 #750. Souvenir pane, Superb	2.25
135 #751. Souvenir pane, Superb	30.00
136 #752. Cross gutter, Superb scarce	5.00
137 #753. on first day cover	7.50
138 #750 on first day cover	3.50
139 #751 on first day cover	2.50
140 #753 on first day cover, very scarce	9.00
141 #753 on first day cover, very scarce	16.50

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246 #725 VF	7.00
247 #726 VF	5.50
248 #733 VF	6.00
249 #826-837 VF	6.75
250 #828-854 VF	4.15
251 #856-857-858 VF	4.00
252 Famous Americans, all 1c 2c, 3c. Plates 21 different, VF	14.85
252A Famous Americans, VF to Superb, complete plates	12.10
253 #894 VF to Superb	3.25
254 #895 VF to Superb	2.65
255 #902 VF to Superb	55.00
256 #898 Imperf vert block, VF to Superb	60.00
257 #901A Imperf vert block, VF to Superb	20.00
258 #906 5c China - Superb	6.50
260 #909 thru 921 Plate names of four	20.00
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265 #234 VF	22.50
266 #236 VF	16.50
267 #237 VF	40.00
268 #285 VF to Superb	9.00
269 #286 VF to Superb	6.50
270 #28	

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About Ghana Coils, Postal Cards, Air Letter Sheets

I was going to put the words, "THE TRUTH" before the word "About" in the above headline, but information just at hand from Mr. Lehmann who operates the Ghana Agency is such that I am still wondering just what should be said.

According to the Scott Catalogue, the recognized stamp catalogue here in America, Ghana gained its independence and issued its first set of stamps on March 6, 1957. Others followed and are listed by Scott.

However to get some straight facts concerning Ghana Coils, Postal Cards and Letter Sheets, which as far as I can judge by seeing what is offered in advertisements by the various dealers, these items all seem to have come into the market in more recent months. I finally decided to write to Mr. Lehmann for information.

As yet I have never seen a Postal Card or an Air Letter Sheet from Ghana. I have just recently been sent a strip of 12 of Scott No. 5, which are said to be coils. Number 6 also comes in the same manner. As you will note, these two stamps are listed by Scott as being of the second issue, the Gold Coast stamps with the Independence overprint, listed as released in 1957.



GEORGE W. LINN

I now have a reply to my inquiry to Mr. Lehmann and it still leaves me in the dark, for if what is said in this letter is true I wonder where all the stamps issued prior to the date given by Mr. Lehmann, may have come from. It is possible that the typing in the letter from Mr. Lehmann is in error, but certainly in a situation of this nature where I asked for facts with the announced intention of stating those facts to the collecting public, it would seem that Mr. Lehmann would have carefully checked his letter before sending it to me.

Following is a paragraph from it which is at wide variance with the record as in the Scott Catalogue and also in the record as attested by advertised offers of these stamps long before the date on which Mr. Lehmann says the stamps were first issued.

Here is the quote from the letter from Mr. Lehmann.

"I appreciated very much your letter of June 3rd and also appreciate the trouble you've taken to go into the matters under discussion."

"For your information, Ghana came out with its first Definitive stamps on October 5th, 1959. At that time the 1/2d and 1d stamps of the new Definitive issue were also released in coils, to be used in stamp vending machines. Such coils existed also during the Gold Coast days and also the period when over-printed Gold Coast stamps were sold ('Ghana Independence'). The same goes for air letter sheets. However postal cards were never in use in Ghana before October 5th, 1959."

According to the Scott Catalogue the first stamps for Ghana were the Nkrumah, four values listed as Nos. 1 to 4 issued on March 6, 1957. As for Coils, it is only in recent months that these have been offered by dealers. The only ones we have heard of as being in Coils are Scott Nos. 5 and 6. Mr. Lehmann states that the Gold Coast stamps were also issued in Coils. Someone ought to advise the publishers of the Scott Catalogue of this fact. As for these so called Coils, anyone can take a sheet of either of these stamps, tear it into vertical strips and then trim the top and bottom margin to a bit under a quarter inch and paste the top or bottom margin to a stamp without margin and you have a perfect paste-up coil. It is a wonder some smart dealer has not already made such coils out of stamps of other values than the 1/2d and 1d stamps. We are led to believe from the remarks by Mr. Lehmann that most any Ghana stamp might come in Coils. That is we believe the low values.

Mr. Lehmann also says "the same goes for air letter sheets." We would not expect such things to be listed by Scott so can only learn about them from dealers offering them for sale. I had hoped to learn just how many varieties might have been issued, but since few collect air letter sheets the matter is immaterial.

Speaking of Postal Cards Mr. Lehmann says they "were never in use in Ghana before October 5th, 1959." There is that mysterious date again.

As for Postal Cards we have information from a collector who wrote a friend in Accra asking him to buy some Postal Cards for him at the Post Office. The man in Ghana advised that the postal clerks stated that there had been no call for such cards and that they had been withdrawn from sale.

That then is the story of Ghana Coils, Air Letter Sheets and Postal Cards as best we can tell it from information direct from the Ghana Philatelic Agency.

Philatelic Activity In Florida

We always try to keep in touch with all Philatelic activity in Florida and on the week end of June 9 to 12 attended the annual Miami Stamp Club exhibition and bourse at Miami. We felt it desirable to have a bourse table as with such we were able to meet more people than if we had free lance about the room. The room at the Dupont Plaza Hotel was on the 12th floor, at the roof and was one of the finest rooms for a bourse and exhibition we have ever attended. On Friday night the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs held a banquet attended by a few over 100 people. Speeches and addresses were few in number and took but little time. The most interesting and informative was a talk by Mr. L. Rohe Walter, Special Assistant to the Postmaster General.

On Saturday night the American Stamp Dealers Assn. Banquet also drew a small crowd but it was especially pleasant, and filled with fun, due to the M. C. job done by Hal Fisher who is well known throughout Miami and Miami Beach as an entertainer. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Naturally, our interest was in taking subscriptions for our publication while in Miami. The results were poor, yet we had many remarks

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Germantown Stamp Club To Meet During Summer

At a recent meeting of the Germantown Stamp Club, Philadelphia, Pa. the members voted to continue meeting during July and August with, however, but one get-together instead of two each month.

Meetings will be held July 14 and August 11 at the usual place, the Water Tower Recreation Center, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa. A large exhibition is planned October 6-8 at the Center, with a banquet at the Chestnut Hill Hotel October 11. Further details on request from Richard Slavin, 455 W. Queen Lane, Philadelphia 44, Pa.

1960 STAMP PROGRAM

July 19 — Pony Express 4c, Sacramento, Calif. (50 per pane, 120,000,000).
July 19 — Pony Express 4c envelope, St. Joseph, Mo.

Aug. 12 — Airmail regular 7c, new red color, Arlington, Va.
Aug. 18 — Airmail envelope 7c, new red color, Portland, Ore.

Aug. 19 — Airmail booklet 7c, new red color, St. Louis 55, Mo.
Aug. 28 — Employ the Physically Handicapped, New York, N. Y. (50 per pane, 120,000,000).

Aug. 29 — Fifth World Forestry Congress, Seattle, Wash.
Sept. 14 — American Credo, Francis Scott Key, Baltimore, Md.

Sept. 16 — Mexican Independence Sesquicentennial 4c commem (120,000,000).
Sept. 26 — Japanese-American Amity 4c, Washington, D. C. (50 per pane, 120,000,000).

Oct. 8 — Ignace Jan Paderewski "Champion of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C. (4c—70 per pane, 120,000,000 8c—72 per pane, 40,000,000).
Oct. 18 — Boys' Clubs of America, New York, N. Y. (50 per pane, 120,000,000).
Oct. 22 — Airmail coil 7c, new red color, Atlantic City, N. J.

Nov. 1 — Camp Fire Girls Golden Jubilee 4c, New York, N. Y. (120,000,000).
Nov. 7 — Giuseppe Garibaldi "Champion of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C.

Nov. 25 — Andrew Carnegie 4c, New York, N. Y.

Nov. — — American Credo, Abraham Lincoln.

Jan. 1961 — American Credo, Patrick Henry, Richmond, Va.

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1139 — George Washington Credo 4c, Mt. Vernon, Va., January 20.

1145 — Boy Scouts Golden Jubilee 4c, Washington, D. C. February 8.

1146 — Winter Olympic Games 4c, Tahoe City, Calif. February 18.

1147-48 — Masaryk "Champion of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C. March 7.

1140 — Benjamin Franklin Credo 4c, Philadelphia, Pa., March 31.

1149 — World Refugee Year 4c, Washington, D. C., April 7.

1150 — Water Conservation 4c, Washington, D. C., April 18.

1159 — Airmail regular 25c, San Francisco, Calif., April 22.

1141 — Thomas Jefferson Credo 4c, Charlottesville, Va., May 18.

1152 — 2½c stamped envelope, Chicago, Ill., May 28.

1151 — SEATO 4c, Washington, D. C., May 31.

1152 — American Woman 4c, Washington, D. C., June 2.

1157 — Airmail regular 10c, Miami, Fla., June 10.

1031A — 1½c Liberty regular, Santa Fe, N. M., June 17.

1054A — 1½c Liberty coil, Santa Fe, N. M., June 17.

UXC3 — 5c Airmail postal card new design, Minneapolis, Minn., June 18.

U541 — 1½c stamped envelope, Birmingham, Ala., June 25.

1153 — 50-Star Flag, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 4.

UNITED NATIONS

Aug. 29 — Fifth World Forestry Congress 4c and 8c.

CANADA

— — Natural Resources.

— — 10c aerogram.

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To obtain First Day Covers collectors may send a reasonable quantity each with a name and address, and enclosing a staffer to the postmaster of the designated first day city with a request for FD service. Payment must accompany to cover the face value of the stamps to be affixed. For U. N. and Canadian first days, watch the news stories on these and follow instructions.

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It seems that a precaution on the matter would not be necessary but mail indicates that a few folks haven't learned. I refer to the fact that at this time of the year it is inadvisable to carry mint stamps on your person, especially in billfolds or pockets in your clothing.

You know what happens. The gum becomes tacky and sticks to whatever is against it. If the stamps are for a collection, you might as well soak them off and use them for postage. It seems the body heat will bring on this undesirable condition, definitely with stamps carried in shirt pockets, and generally always in coat pockets.

While the gum will not adhere to certain types of plastics, it will be affected when it softens and assumes an appearance different from its original. On the modern issues such a change will mean little or nothing, but could on the older.

7. What type gun is pictured on the 2c Defense stamp of 1940?

2. The Tennessee Statehood commem of 1946 has the nickname of the state in the design. What is it?

The collecting of Postmarks and Cancellations has a moderate number of followers, but is nevertheless a popular specialty. It has one great drawback and that is that covers, where involved, are a bulky piece of merchandise. One can forget about covers in some areas of the category, such as fancy cancels, socked-on-the-nose and similar, only a stamp properly marked being necessary.

A definition or so is first in order so we have a common ground for discussion. A postmark, roughly, is that part of an obliteration on mail which evidences the date, hour and place where deposited. It can have symbols indicating a branch station or the like, but these are secondary.

A cancellation is anything applied to the stamp which renders it unusable to again prepay a postage fee. It can be a postmark, pen and ink, slogan or even the smear of an inked thumb. Of course there are more ways to cancel — these are just examples.

Some might want to boggle a bit over the technicalities involved with precancels. These, while cancelled before use, when applied to certain mail under certain conditions, will pay the postage fee.

For the purposes of our discussion here, I'd like to have cancellation as the key word (or the shorter cancel) remembering the fact that it might or might not be a postmark.

Further, a postmark for first class mail is the only one (ordinarily) which carries time indicia. Those used on other classes of mail lack such data.

Cancellations are applied to stamps by hand or machine. Most of the last century, and the early part of this one, are the hand type. The clerk applied his device one impression at a time to the mail. Most common hand applications today are in the registry and parcel post sections of local post offices, and at the first day of issue of a new stamp. They are easily spotted.

Machine cancellations are given when mail is fed through an automatic machine, driven by hand or motor. As it passes in front of an inked die a postmark is applied and the stamp obliterated. The obliteration can be one of several things such as a slogan, straight or wavy lines or flag. The "flags" have quite a following. They were popular in the early years of the 1900's.

Several makes of cancelling machines have been used in the nation's post offices. They each have their characteristics which identify them to knowledgeable collectors. Some of the very old hand-crank type are still in use but their presence is diminishing. Off hand I do not recall an office which uses one, but every now and then I get a piece of mail so cancelled.

Frequently, someone sends a cover in which the date or time is upside down in the postmark, or where the date is sometime in the future or far in the past. These people feel they have a valuable thing. Of course they don't since human frailty or devilishness accounts for slips of that kind. The date and time parts of a postmarking die must necessarily be removable so they can be changed to conform to the calendar and clock. One can insert such slugs in the die upside down as well as right side up, and run off a few or hundreds of pieces of mail before the miscue has been discovered. Putting the wrong date together is also easily done.

Items of this kind are of no value and are freaks only.

In the last century and the early part of this one, postmasters had a rather free hand in selecting or making the device(s) to cancel mail. There were firms which specialized in preparing such tools; some postmasters and clerks carved their own out of cork or wood. Often the designs were symbolical of the town where used.

Such obliterations are known as "fancy cancels". There were hundreds and hundreds of them, many similar even though of different post offices. Identifying the place of use, and the period of application has kept many students of the hobby busy over the years. Even today new designs, or old designs at previously unsuspected post offices, show up.

Several really outstanding collections have been built up of the fancy cancels. Some philatelists seek only certain types; some the cancels on a certain stamp only; most of them will take anything. Fancy cancels for the most part are for citizens who have more than the average pocketful of spending money for quite a few of them run into the hundreds.

Just to name a few designs of the more common, these include skull and crossbones, Masonic symbols, bullseye and target, anchors, flags, letters, numbers, shields, crosses of various kinds, bells, crescents, stars, PAID, locks, harps, lyres, cups and mugs, leaves, clover, flowers, hats, faces, human figures, animals, fish, birds, and loads of others.

Cancellations which require moderate expenditure of wherewithal are the automatic cancelling machine kind. As mentioned above these can be of the slogan type, lines (wavy or straight), flags and others.

Each of these has its followers. Material of this kind is not gathered as a full cover or piece. The important part is snipped from the envelope or card and mounted. The usual, and standard size, measured from the right and top edges are four inches wide and two inches deep. Care should be taken to cut evenly and neatly.

Once in a while this size must be enlarged to include all pertinent features. However this precaution should be self-evident.

Once in a while, too, one will want to keep the full cover intact. Such consideration is based on the scarcity, attractiveness or condition of the item. As an example, one would not want to cut up a first day cover, especially in recent months when the Post Office Department has made use of the eye-catching figures and slogans pertaining to the event.

Again, one would want to save a nice "exposition" postmarked piece since they had their distinctive cancellations. You have to use judgement coupled with knowledge. Expositions such as the Columbian, Panama-Pacific, Alaska-Yukon and Pan-American all had their own cancelling dies.

Frequently, the same slogan is applied via the automatic cancelling machines to mail in various cities throughout the country. The slogan can have been put on dies to fit the several make machines used in post offices. Thus, if you are going to collect slogans comprehensively, you will want an impression of each in every one of the towns where used, and further from each of the several types of automatic cancelling machines. In some places, two different makes of machines operate side by side in a post office. If each imprints the slogan, they'll be identi-

Nashville Club Plans Mid-September Show

The Nashville Stamp Club will hold its annual exhibition NASHPEX 1960 September 17-18 in the Andrew Jackson Hotel, Nashville, Tenn. The group was formerly known as the Nashville Philatelic Society; new officers have been installed and the exhibition is the principal matter of immediate concern.



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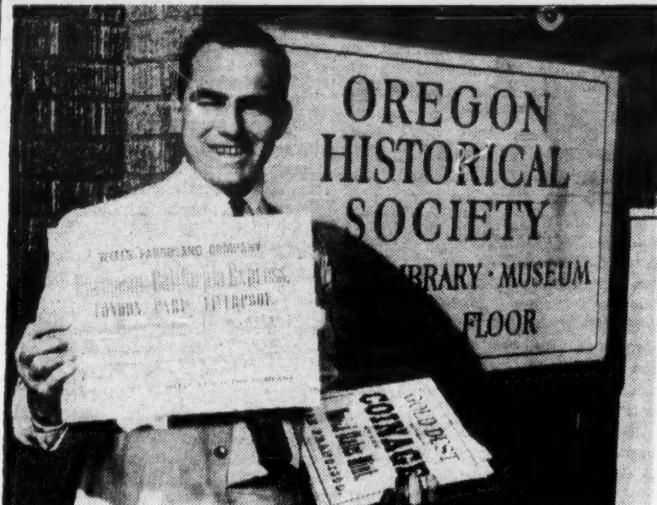
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Thomas Vaughan, director of the 87-year-old Historical Society says that the letters of Joseph Lane, Oregon's first territorial governor, will be among the papers. So also will be holographs from the hands of missionary Marcus Whitman and ship captain Robert Gray, who discovered the Columbia river in 1792.

According to Mr. Vaughan, "Our motive in unveiling these letters is not wholly altruistic. We have no philatelic experts on our staff, therefore this inspection of at least part of our vast collection will reveal whether or not we possess such treasures as postmaster provisions. "It is even conceivable that our files could contain postal material either not recorded or which would contribute to philately's knowledge of cancellations, post offices, dates and types of use.

"Further, we hope that as a result of our gesture, stamp collectors who may possess early Oregon material, especially letters, will donate them to the Society. We are not concerned with the covers, but with their contents," he added.

The Historical Society occupies 36 rooms of Portland's Civic Auditorium building at 235 SW Market St. It is the nation's major repository of historical data on the Beaver state.

For the actual convention, Mr. Vaughan and his staff are preparing special frames for exhibit at the Sheraton-Portland hotel. They will include pony express covers from several different companies, Wells Fargo mail bags and express boxes, and route and time schedules for stage and pony express mail.

Broadsides and posters on mail and package rates both domestic and abroad, and other memorabilia from such carriers as Beekman, Adams, and Tracy, will be shown. Much of the material is unique.

Weather Man Blitzes Scout Benefit Show

The scheduled June 18-19 Logger's Fun Days celebration at Rohner Park, Fortuna, Calif. could not be staged fully, as the two days were beset with highwinds and thick dust. None of the logging events scheduled to take place before the grandstand could be held.

The Ferndale Stamp and Hobby Club, which had sponsored cacheted covers and souvenir wooden nickels, did not have the opportunity to sell their souvenirs. Accordingly, the Boy Scout and Campfire Girls whom the event was to benefit, fared rather badly.

As a result, the covers and wooden nickels are now available by mail. They are 15¢ each, two for 25¢, either single or mixed.

There are two designs of wooden nickels, and a cover canceled on each day. The four items will be sent for 50¢, and if a 4¢ stamp is included, one of the last year's attractive covers will be included in the lot (while supplies last). Orders may be sent to the Club at P. O. Box 453, Ferndale, Calif.

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Both these slogans were withdrawn from use on July 7 only, the first day of issue of the special stamps to mark the Tercentenary of Charles II's Act establishing the General Letter Office.

Another special design, "INTERNATIONAL POSTAL CONFERENCE EASTBOURNE 1960", was used in that town June 27-July 9 inclusive. Correspondence posted at the temporary post office at this year's "ALL ENGLAND LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS" at Wimbledon June 20-July 2 also was specially postmarked.

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Both covers will bear the official design of the National Pony Express Centennial Association with appropriate illustrations and descriptions. They may be purchased as a pair for \$1.00 with order deadline being July 15th.

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Each letter will have space for Post Office cancellation, Pony Express hand stamping, and two addresses.

Eastbound letters will have a Sacramento first day cancellation, with purchaser's name and address and a new 4¢ Pony Express stamp on one side. The other side will receive the St. Joseph slogan cancellation denoting arrival date, St. Joseph address and another Pony Express stamp.

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The 3d is printed in violet and double the normal size. In addition to showing a picture of the Queen it also illustrated a post boy on horseback; he is sounding his horn and has his sack of mail on the saddle behind him.

At the top of the stamp are the cypher "CII" and the date 1660. At the bottom are the words "General Letter Office". The value is shown prominently in the left-hand corner. It was designed by Reynolds Stone.



The 1/3 item, also of double size, is in an upright design, an unusual feature for British special stamps. The only other such postage stamp to have been issued in an upright design was the one Pound commemorative marking the Silver Wedding of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

This new adhesive was designed by Faith Jacques. It shows oak leaves and acorns surrounding a crown and a 1660 post horn. The oak leaves are associated with Charles II and suggest the type of ornamentation of that period.

Above them is a portrait of the Queen flanked by the dates "1660" and "1960". The value and the cypher "CII" are in the top corners, the value on the right and the cypher on the left.

The portrait of the Queen used in both stamps was taken by Dorothy Wilding Portraits, Ltd. The stamps will be on sale for several weeks. They were photogravure printed by Harrison & Sons, Ltd. who have printed postage stamps of the ½d to 1/6 denominations for the Post Office for many years.

Reynolds Stone is a free lance designer and specialist in wood-engraved calligraphy, lettering and book decoration. He engraved the Royal Arms printed by the Cambridge University Press for the Coronation service in 1937, and two shields for the Order of Service for the Victory Thanksgiving 1945.

His accepted stamp designs include the 3d British Commonwealth and Empire Games stamp; the 3d, 6d and 1/3 Wales and Monmouthshire stamps, all issued in 1958, and the 3d Peace stamp of 1946.

Miss Jacques is at present on the staff of Hornsey College of Arts (Graphic Design Dept.). For the past twelve years she has also been a free lance designer, doing book and magazine illustration, book jackets, typographical ornamentation, greeting cards, and other similar general illustration and design work.

No special postmarks were used to mark the issue of the stamps, but a slogan postmark which was used at Eastbourne June 27-July 9 to mark the International Postal Conference was also in use on the July 7 first day of issue of the special stamps. All other slogan postmarks in use during July were withdrawn just for July 7 and replaced by the normal "wavy lines" cancellation.

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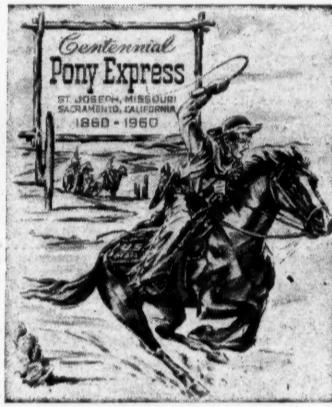
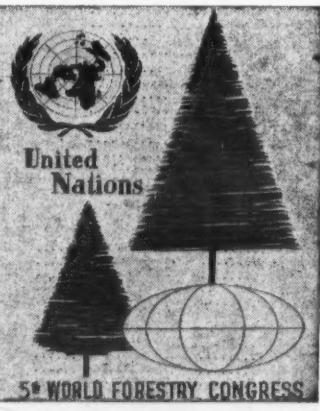
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News Round-Up
From Washington

When the 4c SEATO commemorative stamp was released May 31 at Washington, D. C., there were 514,926 first day covers canceled, according to Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield. In all, 910,386 stamps were sold that day, with a value of \$36,419.44.

This brings the number of first day covers canceled in the first five months of this year to 7,172,411, and the total of first day sales to \$587,346.55. The 2½-cent embossed envelope figures for May 28 are still unreported.

The frame for the 4c Francis Scott Key "Credo" stamp, to be first placed on sale September 14 at Baltimore, Md. was engraved by Robert J. Jones, and the symbol, signature, quotation and denomination by George L. Huber. The design was by Frank P. Conley, who was responsible for all of the "Credo" stamps.

Charles R. Chickering of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing produced the model of the Fifth World Forestry Congress commemorative stamp, based on the Congress emblem. The vignette was engraved by Richard M. Bower, and the lettering and numeral by George A. Payne, Santa Barbara, Calif. is utilizing a special slogan cancellation (June 15-August 14) reading "Santa Barbara Fiesta Days August 10-14", and Hot Springs, Fla. has introduced a special postmark "75TH ANNIVERSARY 1960" which will remain in use July 1 through December 31. Also being used for the same period is a postmark at East Brunswick, N. J. reading "CENTENNIAL EAST BRUNSWICK, N. J. 1860 - 1960."

Lucky Plate Blocker
Found SEATO Rarity

John A. Fox, New York dealer who reported last week's front page news of the discovery of a pane of SEATO commemoratives with one horizontal row of perforations completely missing, has supplied some details of its finding.

According to him, a collector on a plate block hunt purchased it at a New York post office station (exact one not named) after discovering it among some panes of stamps offered for his inspection. The clerk, Mr. Fox added, did not recognize the unusual nature of the pane as he sold it.

The find was made about the middle of June, and thus far is the only such variety on the SEATO (or any other recent commem) reported. The lucky plate block hunter sold Mr. Fox the full pane containing ten pairs imperforated between horizontally (the second and third horizontal rows). The sum involved was well into the four-figure range, at a ratio far in excess of that for which the first transfer of the 1918 24c airmail invert was made.

Lincoln On Cincinnati
Scout Jamboree Cachet

Boy Scout Troop 542 of Cincinnati, Ohio will issue a special cacheted cover for the Fifth National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America. The cachet will be in dark blue and centered around a bust of Abraham Lincoln.

Covers will be canceled on the first day of the Jamboree. All will be addressed by hand unless requested otherwise. No fillers will be used unless sent with the orders. No orders can be accepted after July 17. The price is 20c per cover, six for \$1, from Fred Lynch, 6735 Ken Arbre Rd., Cincinnati 36, Ohio.

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At its recent election session, the Caterpillar Stamp Club of Peoria, Ill. advanced vice president Richard A. Julian to the presidency. Others on the new slate with him are Cecil Loberg, vice president; Gail Olson, treasurer; and Al Bacon, secretary.

The club is an employee organization of the Caterpillar Tractor Co. of Peoria. Further details from Mr. Bacon, 200 Elmhurst Dr., Washington, Ill.

Dedication Cachet For
Corpus Christi Airport

An eye-catching cachet in bold black and white pattern has been prepared by the Sea Gull Stamp Club of Corpus Christi, Texas for the August 6-7 dedication of that city's new international airport. It depicts the city's skyline, with gulls and a jet plane overhead.

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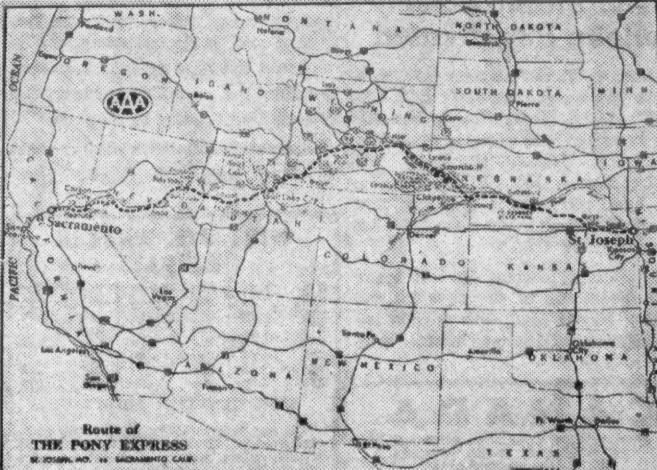
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Pony Express Centennial Plans Being Completed

Dozens of major celebrations will be held in the West this month to honor the 100th anniversary of the Pony Express. The Post Office Department reports it has been advised of plans by many groups for pageants, parades and commemorative events to be held in July in conjunction with its Pony Express stamp and stamped envelope to be issued July 19.

Also on July 19, the Department has been advised by the National Pony Express Centennial Assn. that the Association will attempt a "full-scale" reenactment of the Pony Express of 100 years ago.

Plans are to start simultaneously from St. Joseph and Sacramento on July 19 to cover the approximate 1000 mile route completely by horse relay, without any stops except to change horses and riders. Approximately 1000 riders and 1000 horses are expected to participate altogether in the double cross-country day and night runs.

The reenactment will differ from previous attempts which covered shorter distances, or which "vanced" the horses a large part of the distance, according to Association officials.

Many other colorful activities — pageants, parades and celebrations — are planned, including commemorative ceremonies July 25 at Scotts Bluff National Monument in Nebraska and Ft. Kearney National Monument in Wyoming. Both monuments are under the National Park Service and are prominently associated with Pony Express history.

The following is a partial listing of highlights. Many other events are expected to be scheduled, or reported later to the Post Office Department:

Missouri — July 19, first day stamp ceremonies at St. Joseph, marking the first day sale of the new 4c United States Commemorative Stamped Envelope, honoring the Pony Express, and the 15th such envelope ever issued by the P.O.D.

Kansas — At Hiawatha, activities will be highlighted by a band concert and street dance on the evening of July 19. "Pony Express Days" will be observed in the area July 27-28, in conjunction with the eastbound reenactment of the Pony Express through Hiawatha.

Marysville will dedicate July 18-23 to the Pony Express Centennial, with numerous parades and pageants during that period, and highlight celebrations on July 20 as the westbound reenactment passes through.

Hanover will hold its annual "Days of '49" celebrations July 25-28, in conjunction with Pony Express activities, and the nearby "Cottonwood" Pony Express Station (a famous intact station still standing on the original site) will be the

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An audience participation program will feature the July 13 meeting, to be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Pershing Point office of the Bank of Georgia, 1430 W. Peachtree St. NW, Atlanta, Ga.

planned at Ft. Casper and Ft. Bridger.

Utah—Utah celebrations will center in Salt Lake City, a major stop on the Pony Express ride and home town of numerous Pony Express riders. The University of Utah will produce during the mid-July period a drama or musical on the Pony Express theme.

A log cabin representing one of the original Pony Express stations, will be set up on Main St. Other activities during the period will include square dancing, group singing in period costume, rodeos and wearing of western-style dress in offices and stores.

Nevada—Nevada celebrations will be highlighted by dedication of a Pony Express statue on the morning of July 19 at the Nevada-California state line. Other commemorative activities are planned at Getha and Carson City, as well as at many Nevada cities which while not directly on the Pony Express route, were associated with its history.

California—Principal activities reported include nine day celebrations dedicated to the Pony Express starting on July 19 at Sacramento, where the first day sale of the new Pony Express Commemorative United States Postage Stamp will be held. Parades, pageants and other colorful activities of historical interest. Plans are underway for a "spur" run of the Pony Express in July between Sacramento and San Francisco.

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Included are the following: Canadian Seaway Invert, Cape of Good Hope 4d. woodlock error of color, India 4 anna of 1854 with inverted center and Great Britain 1d red brown of 1841 (S.G. 12a) from plate 77 with letter "A" missing from lower right corner.

No doubt ample precautions have been taken by the printers to avoid confusion in the future, by the use of paper which is completely different from that used on the genuine stamps.

The Baden 9Kr. error of color of 1851 and our own 24c airmail invert complete the sheet. It should be a very popular and fast selling item.

Persian Gulf Territories — The Muscat and Qatar 15np. stamps have now appeared on paper bearing the overall St. Edward's Crown watermark, with printing cylinders in both cases being "50".

The Shaikh's Accession 10th Anniversary, 40 and 60np., recently released come in sheets of 100 (10 x 10). De La Rue's imprint is shown in the bottom margin below stamps 95 and 96 and plate numbers below stamps 91 and 92. Perforation is by a single row comb moving upwards. (Gibbons Stamp Monthly).

Ireland — A special stamp will be issued September 19 to commemorate the founding of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations.

The World Refugee set of two was printed by De La Rue in sheets of 120, on paper watermarked "E" and perf 15. Mauve was the choice

as the color of the 3d; the 1/3 is brown. (Embassy of Ireland).

British Honduras — Although the Centenary of the establishment of a post office was commemorated with a special set of three stamps July 1, the land was actually discovered more than two centuries prior to that event. In 1638 a band of shipwrecked British seamen found refuge in its pleasant climate and the abundance of fish and wild game.

For many years war with Spain kept the growing British settlement at Belize in a constant state of harassment until 1798, when a decisive naval victory gave permanent respite. This engagement, known as the Battle of St. Georges Cay, was commemorated with a set of stamps in 1949. The anniversary is celebrated by British Honduras every year.

Postal historians will recall that a passenger and mail boat service was conducted by the Royal Mail Steamship Co. between Belize and Jamaica about 1848, much of this traffic being the result of interest in the prime timber being cut in the forests of British Honduras. Covers so carried are now highly prized.

The settlement was established as a British Colony in 1862. Like so many of the British American colonies it has advanced rapidly in the past few years toward responsible democratic government. Complete self-government is anticipated in four or five years. (British Information Services).

Canada — A number of postal exhibitions will be honored with special cachets again this year. Those desiring such service should forward their covers to the postmasters concerned with the period listed:

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Now in its twelfth year, the group has all along worked to advance public interest in the philatelic field, and during recent years has stressed junior activities. At present plans are under way for an auction at the October meeting in the Hotel Brown, an exhibition in November and an anniversary party in December.

The "PCL PACKET" is issued monthly, and the club would like to exchange it regularly with other active stamp group publications.

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markably tolerant until someone busts into our structure with a hoodwink, obviously designed to cheapen our higher ethical standards. We can and do admit, without flexing our biceps, questionable material which really does serve a purpose—perhaps for carrying mails.

But stampers as a whole do and should squelch any upstart or agents there of who offer labels bearing the name of a state, when the money we're tempted to shell out is to be pro-rated between said "authorities" and their procurer. Probably the "stamps" will never appear on a legitimately used cover.

Such practice is not new. Through various human devices labels of this nature are scattered in most every album, some dating back to the earliest philatelic days. The motive has always been the same: just to fatten the coffers of some staggering state. This may be either directly or through some individual working on a percentage, or who even bought old stamp plates outright.

Surely, there couldn't have been enough demand on the 160-acre island of Heligoland, in its bare ten years of stamps, to account for all the "stuff" that got into the trade. Again, we—and especially those of us at all familiar with the nature of the "Bulge of Africa"—get a similar kick out of the 16 5/6 pages Scott's now uses in listing Liberian issues, or the hundreds of pages devoted to "colorful colonials".

But why jump on the little guys? The weakest runt shoat is entitled to his turn at the maternal dairy bar facility.

Before going on a mud slinging expedition let's wipe our own feet, first and do a little sweepin' around on our own door. Those of us who have pen pals abroad are confronted with the suspicion, on their part, that the U. S. is in desperate postal straits requiring constant new issues. Most of these are incomprehensible to the lads—and of such nature that we couldn't always explain them either. So the lads interpreted them as an attempt to mulct their stamping wallets in supporting of a fiscally sagging U. S. government department.

It is not unlikely that a loyal French fancier of U. S., for instance, has cuddled his liking for our country by collecting our stamps. Now our French friend just might be a man of considerable political or economic experience. Should he get a notion he was "being took," because of the flood of postal paper from this country, look out!

The up-and-down shot of the matter seems to me to be a justification of my long established stamp pattern of putting into my collection only those specimens showing, in my judgement, honest evidence of having served as receipts for postal duties performed. This also lets me out of the "gum-no-gum" hassle. But, for the good of all of us, don't all you readers shift to my groove. If you should, there won't be enough stamps to go 'round.

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Paul S. Hedrick of the "Tulsa Daily World" sent me a clipping from his stamp and coin column. Quoting: "A bit of precancel history was written recently when the Pawhuska, Okla. postoffice issued a 2c coil stamp of the Liberty series, in B-11 type, for a new industrial firm.

"It was the first time a Buroprint had been issued for Pawhuska, whose sole previous claim to being a precancel town was from a number of Locals. Pawhuska, like other Oklahoma towns and cities, has often used local precanceled stamps, but this is its first Buroprint stamp."

Thanks Mr. Hedrick for this note, and also thanks to John Hirt of Pawhuska for sending me a copy on part a of used cover of this new 2c coil.

M. F. S.

Is a dating on some precancels used by the Moorestown Friends School from Vassalboro and North Vassalboro, Maine. Also, some precanceled cards appeared from these and a few other towns.

This was done under a program called "Friendship Fairs" a project to raise money to help pay the expenses of exchange students and for exchange materials obtained from similar schools in France and Germany.

Write J. T. Lippincott, RFD 1, Box 76, Mt. Laurel, Moorestown, N. J. for more information about this project and for a list of precanceled items still available.

BULLETIN BOARD

A mailing from the Oregon Precancel Club still plugging their Tri-City Round-Up at Kennewick, Wash. July 9th and 10th. Stamps used were the 1c and 2c Liberties from Lind, Wash. Type U-122.

The Southeast Kansas Philatelic Club bulletin announcing a June meeting mailed from Wichita, Kans. with a 2c precanceled envelope plus a 1c Liberty Wichita Boro.

David M. Kirk of 1021 Menlo Oaks Dr., Menlo Park, Calif. in making a survey of West Virginia towns mailed a circular from Bob White, W. Va. Stamps used were 1c and 2c Liberties, Type U-120n.

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The April 12, 1945 death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt of the United States brought sorrow to all nations then engaged in the struggle against the Axis Powers. They remembered well his speech of January 6, 1941, wherein he outlined before the Congress of the United States his premise of the "Four Freedoms" which were to become the bedrock upon which the United Nations Organization was yet to be established. Indeed, these sacred freedoms—of speech and religion, free from want and fear—were even sooner to become the foundation of the San Francisco Charter of 1945.

To this document the then Ecuadorian Minister of Foreign Relations (later President) Dr. Camilo Ponce Enríquez subscribed at that time as the official representative of his country. This initial step forward has since developed into the Organization of American States, with which all Western Hemisphere nations are well acquainted.

Wishing to take philatelic notice of the death of the great American president and at the same time to pay direct tribute to him individually, Ecuador's President Jose Mario Velasco Ibarra issued a decree for a set of ten commemorative stamps.

Decree No. 38 of January 16, 1947 provided for five ordinary mail and five airmail values, to bear a likeness of President Roosevelt and a pictorial representation of his "Four Freedoms". The set of 10c, 20c, 30c, and 40c surface mail and 60c and 1, 1.50, 2, and 5 Sucres values (Scott's Nos. 509-13 and C193-97) finally appeared October 24, 1948.

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In June 1949 there suddenly came to the attention of philatelists abroad some very strange "stamps" bearing equally fantastic price tags, which "stamps" had never seen actual postal service in Ecuador. Actually—subsequent events disclosed—they were labels only and not legitimate postage emissions; there were both perforated and imperforated varieties.

The former were rather poorly and irregularly perforated, and the printing method indicated that they had been produced in Quito, yet they had never been on sale at this—or any other—Ecuadorian post office. Questions and suspicion soared, and the Director of Posts was called upon for an explanation.

He declared officially that these imitations of postage stamps were labels and that the indicated values of 30c and 60c had NO philatelic worth. He explained further that they had neither postal nor actual value of any sort, that they were used as "Propaganda of Pan American Solidarity", and that they were only countersigns to permit posting without payment of postage fees of the correspondence from the Ministries to their various correspondents.

This official statement pacified collectors, and they paid no more attention to these new "stamp" labels.

Peace was not to last long. In December of that same year a new family of similar labels appeared showing FDR's portrait, the map of Ecuador, an airplane and "PRESIDENCIA / DE LA REPUBLICA" (or "VICE PRESIDENCIA / DE LA REPUBLICA") prominently

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